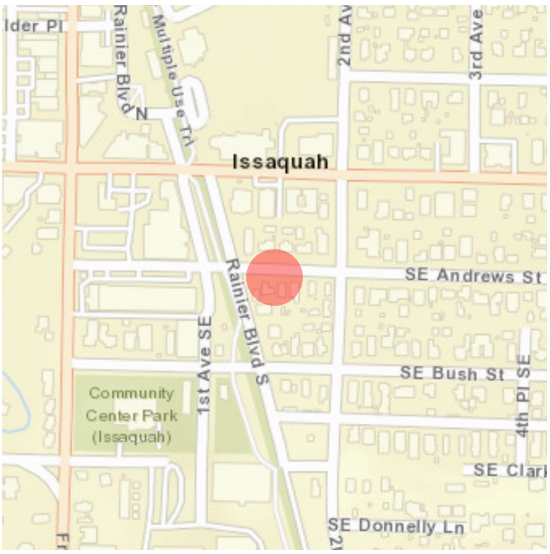
Historic Property Report

Historic Name: Gilman Town Hall/Gilman Village Property ID: 40914

Location



Address: 165 Andrews St, Issaquah, WA 98027

Geographic Areas: King County, T24R06E34, ISSAQUAH Quadrangle, Congressional District 8, 5

Information

Number of stories:

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1898	☐

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory

Historic Context:

Category
Social History

Architect/Engineer:

Category	Name or Company
Architect	Mandeville & Berge

Thematics:

Local Registers and Districts

Name	Date Listed	Notes

Project History

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Project Number, Organization, Project Name	Resource Inventory	SHPO Determination	SHPO Determined By, Determined Date

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Photos

Gilman Town Hall.jpg

Original HPI form(s)

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Inventory Details - 1/1/1900

Common name: Sunset Business Center Office Building

Date recorded: 1/1/1900

Field Recorder:

Field Site number:

SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Surveyor Opinion

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No

Significance narrative: Developed for Marvin Mohl, law partner of Stimson Bullitt, it is Mandeville & Berge's first completed project as an architectural firm.

Physical description: 1600 sq. ft. office building

Bibliography: Seattle Times, August 18, 1957, page B5, "Office Building Planned for Issaquah Shopping Area"

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Inventory Details - 9/12/2017

Common name: Gilman Town Hall

Date recorded: 9/12/2017

Field Recorder: Connie Gray

Field Site number:

SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Form Type	Western False Front
Roof Type	Gambrel - Front
Roof Material	Asphalt/Composition - Shingle
Cladding	Wood - Clapboard
Structural System	Wood - Balloon Frame
Plan	Rectangle

Surveyor Opinion

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No

Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): No

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Significance narrative: From the King County Historic Sites Survey (1977):

"This functional, late 19th Century building, the construction of which was started in late 1888, was not originally built as a town hall, but probably as a public hall for hire, and was used as such even before the roof was completed.
The earliest first hand account tells of its use in January 1889, ,for a wedding celebration dance. "It was a cold night, but no rain, so they just kept the stove fired with coal and everyone danced to keep warm and had a wonderful time." *
During the next ten years private and public activities took place here. In late 1894, the Episcopal Mission Services were held on Sunday mornings. J. A. Boynton Cox, ,a young layman 'from Seattle came each Saturday, spent the night, and preached the next day's service.
On April 4, 1898, the town of Gilman (now Issaquah) purchased the building from David and Dinah Davis for $225.00 for use as a town hall. The Davis' ownership had stemmed from January 1893, when they purchased it from Ingebright Wold, the original patent homesteader. In the city records, at the time of purchase, the building was referred to as "Davis Hall".
As a town hall, the main front room served as Council Chambers and the smaller back portion for storage, from April 1898 until sometime in 1928.
Within a few years of their formation in 1911, the Issaquah Volunteer Firemen moved their horse cart and equipment from Alben's Place to the Town Hall. The northwest part of the building was given over to them, and a fire tower with a'bell was constructed on the back of the Town Hall.
About this same time, a corral for containing errant animals was constructed at the rear of the building. And a very solid, two-cell concrete jail was built on the southern corner of the narrow lot,which today still stands in its original location.
Sometime during the year of 1918 the library, which had for ten years been located in Gus Enos"Barber Shop, was moved into the Town Hall. This arrangement lasted until the middle 1950's when the library acquired a building of its own.
The City of Issaquah purchased the old Gilman Town Hall for the headquarters of the Issaquah Historical Society in October 1972.

This building has been highly modified, but has a strong history in Issaquah. Although it does not appear eligible for listing in the NRHP, it is likely eligible as a King County Landmark, particularly pending potential facade improvements.

Physical description: The Gilman Town Hall is a rectangular, 1.5 story, wood frame building which measures 24 feet by 45 feet. It has a medium pitch gable roof covered with composition shingles. The front facade is clapboard clad with a large false front (not original) whose overhanging eaves are supported by turned brackets. Front windows are six-over-six, and are asymmetrically placed, with a pair to the left of the front entry and a single window to the right. The entry is a pair of five panel wood double doors beneath a transom with the construction date (1898) included in the glass. The building is accessed by a wheelchair ramp that also extends around to the side of the building. The exterior walls are covered with shingle board. There are two double hung windows on both the east and west sides of the building. Secondary facades are horiztonal combed wood planks, and windows appear to be vinyl.